

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 278

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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach John Reid and the Alcoa High School football team on capturing the TSSAA 2A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach John Reid, the Alcoa High School football team is one such commendable team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004 season, establishing a record of fourteen wins and one loss and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 2A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa rolled through the playoffs by prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Hampton by a score of 44-13, Sweetwater (35-14), Rockwood (46-3), and David Lipscomb (35-14) in a juggernautish romp into the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Tornadoes completed their unbelievable season by beating Huntingdon in the BlueCross BlueShield Bowl by the score of 51-42; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding performances of quarterback Joei Fiegler, who threw for 345 yards and two touchdowns; Dustin Lindsey who ran for 145 yards with two touchdowns and had six catches for 144 receiving yards with a touchdown; Logan Love, who rushed for 102 yards with two touchdowns and had 69 yards receiving; and Senior Richieon Bell who returned a punt 86 yards for a touchdown, a state championship game record; and

WHEREAS, in the waning moments of the game, Dustin Lindsey sacked Huntingdon's quarterback for a safety to clench the Class 2A Title by a final score of 51-42; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Alcoa High School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tornadoes' explosive offense amassed an incredible 616 points during their 15-game season, an average of almost seven touchdowns per game, and their stingy defense allowed only 176 points to be scored by opponents throughout the season, an average of less than two touchdowns per game; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa Tornadoes epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved an extremely high level of success in their sport, while evidencing the most circumspect character, both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young student-athletes not only made possible a State championship football season, but will also serve them well as they pursue success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student-athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2004 Alcoa Tornadoes for their success on the field; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach John Reid and the 2004 Alcoa High School football team on capturing the 2004 TSSAA Class 2A State Football Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.